

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 07128 271232Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15
NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 IO-13 /083 W
-----091779 271313Z /45

O 271114Z JUL 78

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9549
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE
USMISSION UN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 7128

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, PORG, SF, WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: UK APPROACH TO THE SHAH

REF: STATE 187706

1. BRITISH CHARGE HAD AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH ON THECASPIAN JULY 26. APPARENTLY, BETWEEN THE TIME THAT REFTEL WAS SENT TO US AND FINAL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM LONDON BY THECHARGE, FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA HAD AGREED TO INTERCESSION BY SECRETARY VANCE TO ATTEND THE SC MEETING. THEREFORE, THE BRITISH CHARGE'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE MODIFIED AT THE LAST MOMENT AND HE ESSENTIALLY BROUGHT THE SHAH UP TO DATE ON NAMIBIAN AFFAIRS SINCE THE TIME OF THE LUANDA AGREEMENT.

2. THE SHAH READ THEDRAFT SC RESOLUTION CONCERNING WALVIS BAY AND NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE PRETTY TOUGH TO SWALLOW FOR THE SOUTH AFRICANS. IT REMAINED HIS VIEW THAT WALVIS BAY IF LEGALLY A PART OF SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER, HE WAS STILL OF THE OPINION, WHICH HE HAD MADE CLEAR MANY TIMES TO SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERS, THAT SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIVE-POWER PROPOSALS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID A VERY CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 07128 271232Z

MESSY SITUATION. THESHAH SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO FACE UP TO THE NECESSITY OF GIVING UP WALVIS BAY, BUT PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAS NOT EDUCATED HIS CABINET OR THE PUBLIC ON THIS MATTER TO PERMIT A SETTLEMENT. THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD HAVE TO BE COAXED INTO TAKING A BROADER VIEW. HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF "THE FINAL ACT" ON WALVIS BAY COULD TAKE

PLACE AFTER THE NEXT ELECTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

3. THE SHAH ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW THAT HE COULD DO AT THIS TIME BEYOND WHAT HE HAS BEEN DOING FOR SO LONG. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING "THE SOUTH AFRICANS" IN TWO OR THREE DAYS, AND, IF THE UK HAD VIEWS OF HELPFUL STEPS HE COULD TAKE, HE SHOULD BE INFORMED.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE CHANGED SITUATION, WE HAVE NOT FOLLOWED UP AS REQUESTED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SHAH'S FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

NAAS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SHAH, DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TEHRAN07128
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780308-0276
Format: TEL
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780712/aaaaakax.tel
Line Count: 77
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c083566b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 187706
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1862212
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NAMIBIA: UK APPROACH TO THE SHAH
TAGS: PDEV, PORG, SF, WA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c083566b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014